

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 550

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to recognize Genesis Learning Centers on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary educating special needs children and youth.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those corporate citizens of the State of Tennessee whose goods and services enrich the lives of Tennesseans and sustain the economic engine of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, Genesis Learning Centers is one such entity, and its directors, Terry and Melissa Adams, and their host of outstanding educational and therapeutic staff, are wholly committed to educating students for whom regular public schools have not been successful; and

WHEREAS, specializing in schooling and service delivery for children and adolescents who are experiencing intense emotional, behavioral, developmental, and learning challenges and difficulties, Genesis' unique educational programs are provided in Nashville, Murfreesboro, and Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, since the enrollment of their first students in January of 1984, the good people of Genesis Learning Centers, a not-for-profit organization, have adhered to its mission, assisting each child they serve to reach his or her greatest human potential, find success from within, and to actively participate in the community of humankind; and

WHEREAS, Genesis programs are singularly focused on their students knowing and demonstrating that they are able to learn new things; controlling their own emotions and behaviors; and understanding that each one of them is a positive, capable individual who has the potential to become happy and successful; and

WHEREAS, teaching is often regarded to be the noblest of professions, and the education professionals of Genesis Learning Centers are surely among the best of the best in both their intent and approach; and

WHEREAS, set firmly in the belief that education is the greatest of gifts that society can give its young people, Genesis Learning Centers has endeavored tirelessly for thirty years to educate those who are the hardest to educate. The Genesis experience has exposed them to normalcy in school and in their communities, and stood as a surrogate parent and mentor to many young people in need; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this legislative body pause and give recognition to an exceptional learning organization which has made a lasting impact on students requiring special attention and support in order to accomplish a meaningful education and preparation for life in adulthood; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Terry and Melissa Adams and the staff of Genesis Learning Centers on the occasion of the organization's thirtieth anniversary of educating exceptional and special needs children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.